SRATTLEBORO:

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 3, 1875.

#### How to Amuse the Children.

"We wants novelty," said Johnny, the newsboy, as he slowly picked a cigar stub to pieces; "young folks gits as tired of old things as old folks do. I goes in for something new every day. To-day, I hollers about the murder; to-morrow, about the floods; next day, about the rallroad slaughter; and it's suntila' new every day. Do you supposes, Mister Quad, if I was to boller one holler all the time that I could make a livin' in this town after the first work ?"

My young friend has not the skill to manufacture a new novelty, but he has a lively imagination; and fishing up a piece of red chalk from his cont-tail pocket be sat down on the flags and remarked:-

"Now, Mister, Quad, supposes this is a feller in a chair, and that is another feller, and that's a girl, and that's a baby, and that's the layed girl, and here's the old folks. There they set, looking at each oth-er, big fire, gas burnin' up, and all as dumb as posts 'cause they haven't got any new game. The wind is a-howiin' outdoors, snow is blowin', and that family might be happy if they went in for new things. Well, suppose this 'ere boy goes out and gets a whilp; these ere boys get the broomstick; the old gent here drops down on his hands and knees for a hose, and the feller with the whip makes him jump over the broomstick, just as the spotted horses do in the circus. The girl lars, the baby kicks up his beels, and all is joy and peace in that family, where all was gloom afere. I encouraged the idea, and, after wiring out the chalk-marks with his coat-tail, be

"Or, supposes this 'ere boy glis the clothes-line, harnesses the old gest to the wood-box, all the children pile in, and the hoss walks away. Wouldn't that 'ere leetle Innercent baby just put fat on to his ribs, though! Supposes the hose draws 'em around to here all O. K., and then balks and kicks. Crowd comes around, the driver puts on the whip, harness gets broke and finally be runs away and falls into a sewer. There'd be a hull hour of fun for them innercent children, and they'd go to bed feelin' like playful lambs and foxes

"But would the old man do it?" I asked, as Johnny's coat-tail again swept the chalk-marks out of existence.

"He'd be bound to. They are his chil-dren, and he's got to perwide for 'em. I guess the law would fix him mighty quick if he let them innercent children set up there on them stuffed shairs with nuthin' to do but look at the stove and the rug." Having a clean spot again he put the chalk to the flags and continued:-

"Suppose the old man gets a telegraph to go to Chlcago, and he hain't home. Them children can't set there on them stuffed chairs just 'cause the old man is out of town. Well, what does the mother do but gits down like this and purtends to be a dog, and growls and barks and shows her teeth. They gits the baby on the sofa, and this ere boy takes a piller, that one a rug, and this one the broom, and they goes in to give that dog such fits as will learn him to never take another hunk out'n a boy's hind-leg. I can almost hear that innercent leetle baby hollerin' for joy."
"It might work," I said in a doubiful

"She'd have to work, Mister Quad. I don't know much about law, but I know the children has got to be cared for if it takes the house down. It's agin the law for the women to paint and powder and git on fash'nable clothes and things till the chil-

dren has been brung up."

tairs, here, and here's the hired girl goin' up. The children all git together here by the ball door, and the bired girl tolls down stairs head over beels, and that innercent leetle baby lafs till they have to pat him on the back! Wouldn't that be bully, Mister Quad, and couldn't that fam'ly afford to raise the wages of that hired girl ? "The hired girl might refuse," I suggest-

girls is hired to help bring up the children, cook 'taters, mop off' steps, and let their beaus in at the side gate. She'd be a purty hired girl, if she wouldn't roll down-stairs to make fun for all them nice children, and she'd be discharged quicker'n spit!"

The boy's ideas may be a little crude, but he speaks for the whole rising generation, and I demand that fathers and mothers and hired girls give his ideas their attention. - By M. Quad in the New York Graph-

#### The English Farm Laborer's Daughter.

At seven or eight years old the girt's labor begins. Before that she has been set to mind the baby, or watch the pot, and to seour about the hedges for sticks for the fire. Now she has not only to mind the baby, but to norse it; she carries it about with her in her arms, and really the inlant looks almost as large as herself, and its weight compels her to lean backward. She is left at home all day in charge of the baby, the younger children, and the cottage. Per-tage a little bread is left for them to eat, but they get nothing more till the mother returns about 4:30, when, woe be to the girl if the fire Is not lit, and the kettle on. The girl has to fetch the water-often a hard and tedious task, for many villages have a most imperfect sapply, and you may see the ditches by the roadside dammed up to yield a little dirty water. She may have to walk half a mile to the brook, and then carry the bucket home as best she may, and repeat the operation till sufficient has been sequired, and when her mother is washing, or worse still is a washerwoman by profession, this is her weary trudge all day. Of course there are villages where water is at hand, and sometimes too much of it. I know a large village where the brook runs beside the biguway, and you have to pass over a "drock" or small bridge to get to each of the cottages, but such instances are rure. The girl has also to walk into the adjacent town and bring back the bread, particularly if her mother happens to be receiving parish pay. A little olderat ten or eleven or twolve-still more skin-ny and hony now as a rule, she follows hor mother to the fields, and learns to pick up stones from the young mowing grass, and place them in heaps to be carted away to mend drinking places for eatile. She learns to best clots and spread them with a small prong; she works in the hay-field, and gleans at the corn-harvest. Gleaning -poetical gleaning-is the most unpleas ant and uncomfortable of labor, tedious, slow, back-aching work; picking up ear by ear the dropped wheat, searching among the prickly stubble. Notwithstanding all her labor, and the hardship she has to en-dure-course fare and churlish treatment at

neck; or with the stalks of the dandelion makes a chain several feet in length. She placks great branches of the beautiful bluc-bell, and of the purple orchis of the mead-ow; gathers beaps of the cowslip, and after playing with them a little while, they are left to wither in the dust by the roudside, while she is sent two or three miles with her father's dinner. She chants smitches of rural songs, and sometimes three or four together, joining bands, dance slowly round and round, singing slowly rude rhymes describing marriage-and not over decent some of these rhymes are. She has no toys-not one in twenty such girls ever bave a doll; or, if they do, it is but some stick dressed in a rag. Poor things! they need no artificial dolls; so soon as they can lift it they are trusted with the real baby. Her parents probably do not mean to be unkind, and use makes this treatment bearable, but to an outsider it seems unnecessarily rough, and even brutal. Her mother shouts at her in a shrill treble perpetually; her father enforces his orders with a harsh oath and a slap.-Fraser's

Of late years the potato crop has been one of the most profitable of farm crops in the East, and this chiefly arises from the fact that it is somewhat difficult to keep any great quantity of them. Thus only so many are grown as can be preserved, and as the accommodations are limited the e is no glut in the market, as there is with things that are grown and must be sent to times when poratoes rule low. This Is apt to be the case with early ones, grown especially for early use, and which follow the same law that roles in transient vegetables. So also with those who grow potatoes and have no convenience for storing them. These have to market in the fall, and have to take whatever price may rule for them. Those who have good cetters under their barns, or in any place safe from frost and yet cool and dry, can generally make polato growing pay; and these

are usually the ones who do.

In old times a large quantity of potatoes were stored out of doors in the open ground. They were arranged in long ridges, not lu-great bulk, as even a mass of potatocs will heat, and covered with earth sufficiently thick to keep out the frost. But since the incoming of the potato disease, this plan is not much followed. The infected tubers will often rot, especially if the mass heats a little, and the diseased ones will often communicate the disease to the rest. In a cellar this can be seen and noted, but in a mound out of doors no one knows of the trouble till spring, when great loss has been found. Besides this, it is so difficult to get at them in winter that those who have no way to preserve polatics except this, as a general thing prefer not to grow at all rather than be bothered with this.

Stored in cellars, the potato is seldon

troublesome if healthy. No matter in how great bulk, or whether put in wet or dry, they seldom heat to injury. But if the seeds of disease be there, the little heat generated by the heaping together of so many roots is often enough to set the discase to work, and very great losses have been the consequence.

Dampness, undoubtedly, favors the spread of the potato disease, and therefore, where there is any chance at all of the disease existing in the roots, they ought to be stored as dry as possible. Those which are to be kept in this general way should be dry and cool, but this should be especially seen to in the case of seed potatoes. Since the potato beetle came among us it is clear that we are to have the best results from very early planting, and by the use of the are more easily affected by warmth than the late ones. They sprout easily, and coolness is therefore the more essential for them. Some people think it makes little difference whether seed potatoes sprout or As I made no reply, he erased the marks difference whether seed polarices specified not before planting. We have known peo-"Or, supposes the bired girl has freekles on her nose and loves children. Here's the stairs, here, and here's the hired girl goin" worse for it. They do generally grow; but there is little doubt they are constitu tionally weaker, and much more liable to disease than those which do not sprout (ii) ready to go in the ground,-Germantown Telegraph.

THE BEST WAY TO BOIL EGGS,-The ob jection to the common way of bolling eggs is this: The white, under three minutes' rapid cooking, becomes tough and indiges-tible, while the yolk is left soft. When properly cooked, eggs are done evenly through like any food. This result may be attained by putting the eggs into a dish with a cover, as a tin pall, and then pour-ing upon them boiling water, two quarts or more to a dozen eggs, and cover and set them away from the slove for 15 minutes. The heat of the water cooks the eggs slowly and evenly and sufficiently and to a jetly-like consistency, leaving the center or yolk harder than the white, and the egg tastes as much richer and nicer as a fresh egg is nicer than a stale egg; and no peron will want to ent them boiled after having tried this method.

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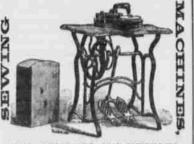


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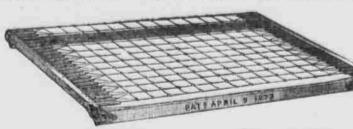
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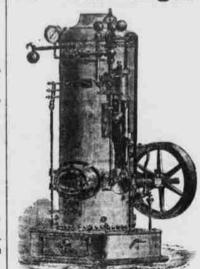
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